


add a global dimension to your studies

IAESTE: An international
work experience program



The International
Association for the
Exchange of Students for
Technical Experience



The International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience (IAESTE) is an independent, non-profit and non-political student exchange organisation. It provides students in technical degrees with paid, course-related, training abroad. With over 80 member countries and exchanging over 4000 job offers each year worldwide, it is the largest organisation of its kind in the world. IAESTE aims to promote international understanding and goodwill amongst students, academic institutions, employers and the wider community.

“The traineeship was far more rewarding than I had ever anticipated. Undertaking it in a foreign country allows you to see that all cultures have a different way of planning, communicating and problem solving. Experiencing this difference has allowed me to return with an open mind, giving me the means to approach tasks in a more efficient and effective manner.”



David James, trainee in Denmark

What does IAESTE offer?

- Paid professional traineeships for students studying engineering, applied sciences, architecture and technology related disciplines
- Traineeships available in over 80 countries
- Length of traineeships range from 6 to 52 weeks
- Traineeships available in industrial organisations, research institutes, local government bodies, consultancies, laboratories and academic institutions
- Salaries to cover cost of living including accommodation
- Assistance with work permits, visas and accommodation
- Organised social program in most countries

What are the benefits?

- Adds a global dimension to studies
- Prospective graduate employers are impressed with overseas work experience
- All jobs are English speaking with the opportunity to develop linguistic skills
- Personal development as the challenges of living and working abroad are met
- Increased cultural awareness
- New friends from all over the world

 I have been offered four different job opportunities in Sydney, all impressed with my German industrial experience . While staying in Germany I made so many new friends from different countries and am still in contact with all of them. 

Anahita Karpour, trainee in Germany

Who is eligible?

IAESTE applicants are required to be:

- Currently enrolled students in engineering, applied sciences, architecture and technology related disciplines at an Australian university*
- Students who have completed a minimum two years of undergraduate study. Postgraduate by course work students are also eligible
- Students with a minimum 65% grade average
- Under 30 years of age

* The university must be a member of IAESTE Australia.

What will it cost?

- Students are responsible for their own travel and insurance costs. Insurance is a compulsory requirement for traineeships
- IAESTE Australia charges a fee for organising the traineeship. Please refer to the website for the latest fee structure
- A fee may also be charged for organisation of work permits or visas from some foreign embassies
- Once overseas a salary will be paid to cover the local cost of living including accommodation, food and local travel

I was very excited to be the only Australian IAESTE student in Kazakhstan. I gained an invaluable experience of the world, broadening my understanding and appreciation of the global environment that we live in. I made great friends and contacts alongside of experiencing and contributing to impressive rehabilitation projects. I was able to assist the team in bridging cultural and language barriers and mediation between the local needs and skills and the international requirements and standards.

Shira Kronich, trainee in Kazakhstan

How does IAESTE work?

Full details of the program and application procedures are available on the website.

Important deadlines

- 10 December Applications are due
- January Annual IAESTE Conference is held where offers of training are exchanged between member countries
- February/March Selection of applicants for each job offer
- April/May Acceptances are received from employers and relevant documentation provided for obtaining work permits and visas if applicable
- June onwards Traineeships commence

“My IAESTE traineeship in Canada was fantastic. While the work was challenging and rewarding, the best part of my trip was experiencing the Canadian culture with other IAESTE students from around the world. The international work experience is also an impressive addition to my resume.”

Steve Dubsky, trainee in Canada

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It was an awesome experience! Working in Poland provided me with the experience of being in a professional Research and Development Laboratory, but it was the friends I made and the experience we had together that made it a memorable one.



Thien Nguyen, trainee in Poland



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